

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Keith A. Etling Confirmation No.: 9125  
 Application No.: 10/749,762 Group No.: 3676  
 Filed: December 31, 2003 Examiner: Alison K. Pickard  
 For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SEALING SURFACES

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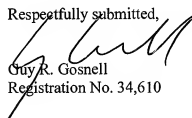
## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006.
2. Applicant is ☐ a small entity; ☒ other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):
- | Total Months Requested                           | Fee For Other Than Small Entity | Fee for Small Entity |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> one month               | \$120.00                        | \$60.00              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months              | \$450.00                        | \$225.00             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months | \$1,020.00                      | \$510.00             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months             | \$1,590.00                      | \$795.00             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> five months*            | \$2,160.00                      | \$1,080.00           |

\*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.
- ☒ All fees are being authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605 when electronically filing
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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